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Honorable Brian Palmer  
State Representative  
P.O. Box 30014  
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Honorable Virgil Smith  
State Representative  
P.O. Box 30014  
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Dear Representatives Palmer & Smith:

Thank you for co-sponsoring House Bill 4591. This legislation is truly needed to help two great institutions of higher education in our state protect the safety of students, faculty and their partners in the community.

As you are aware, the campus security at Hope College and the University of Detroit Mercy have been denied certification by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. The passage of House Bill 4591 will rectify an oversight in Public Act 379 of 2004 that wrongfully challenged the ability of independent, nonprofit colleges and universities in Michigan to maintain campus security officers who are properly certified as "law enforcement officers" when deputized by a County Sheriff or City Police Chief.

I look forward to voting in favor of this legislation in the Senate. Please do not hesitate to ask if I can help in any way with its expedient passage.

Sincerely,

**BUZZ THOMAS**

State Senator  
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